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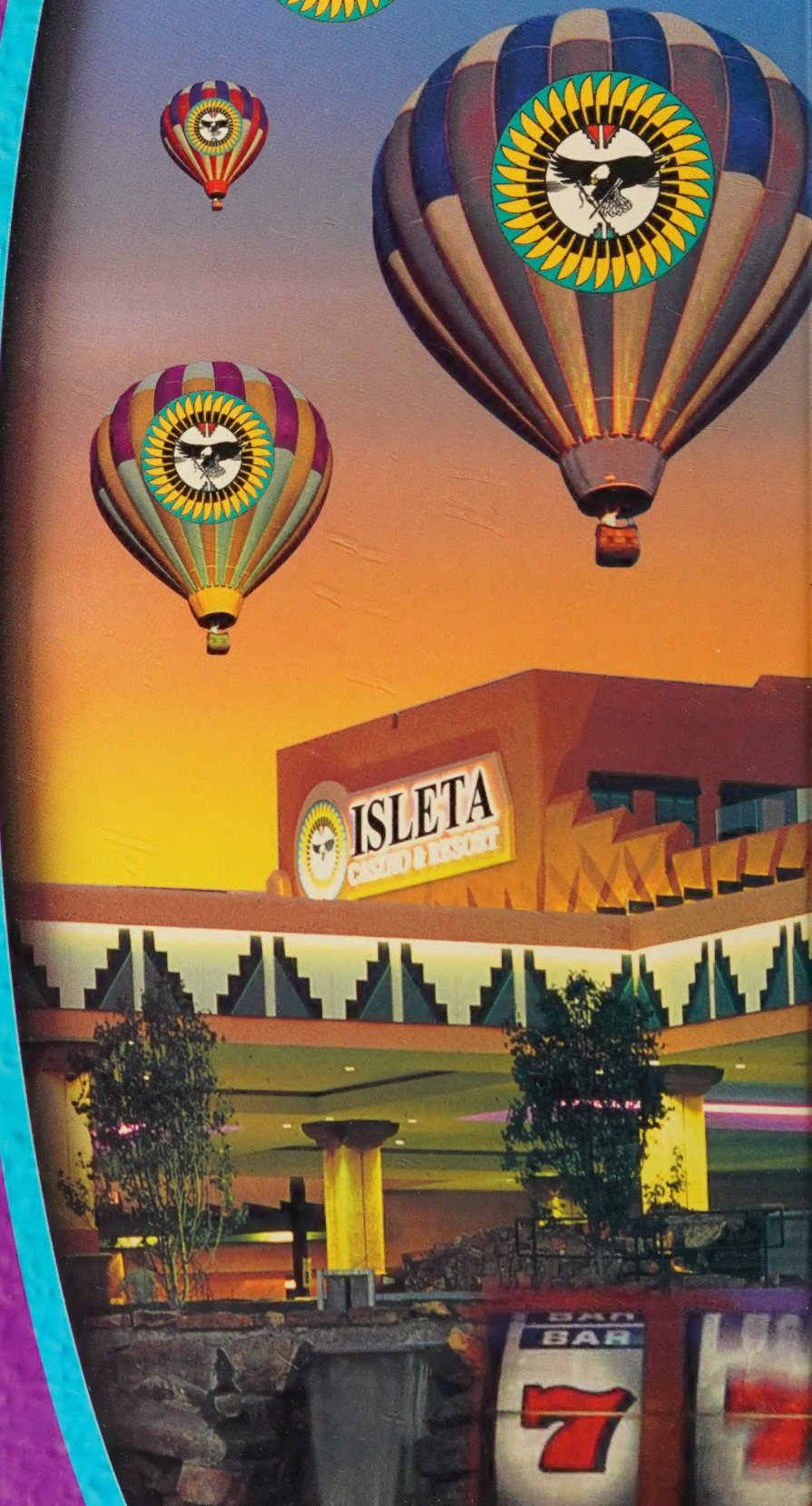
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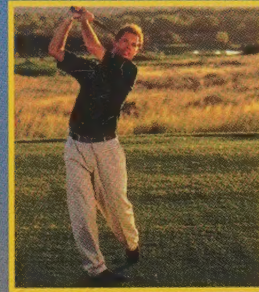
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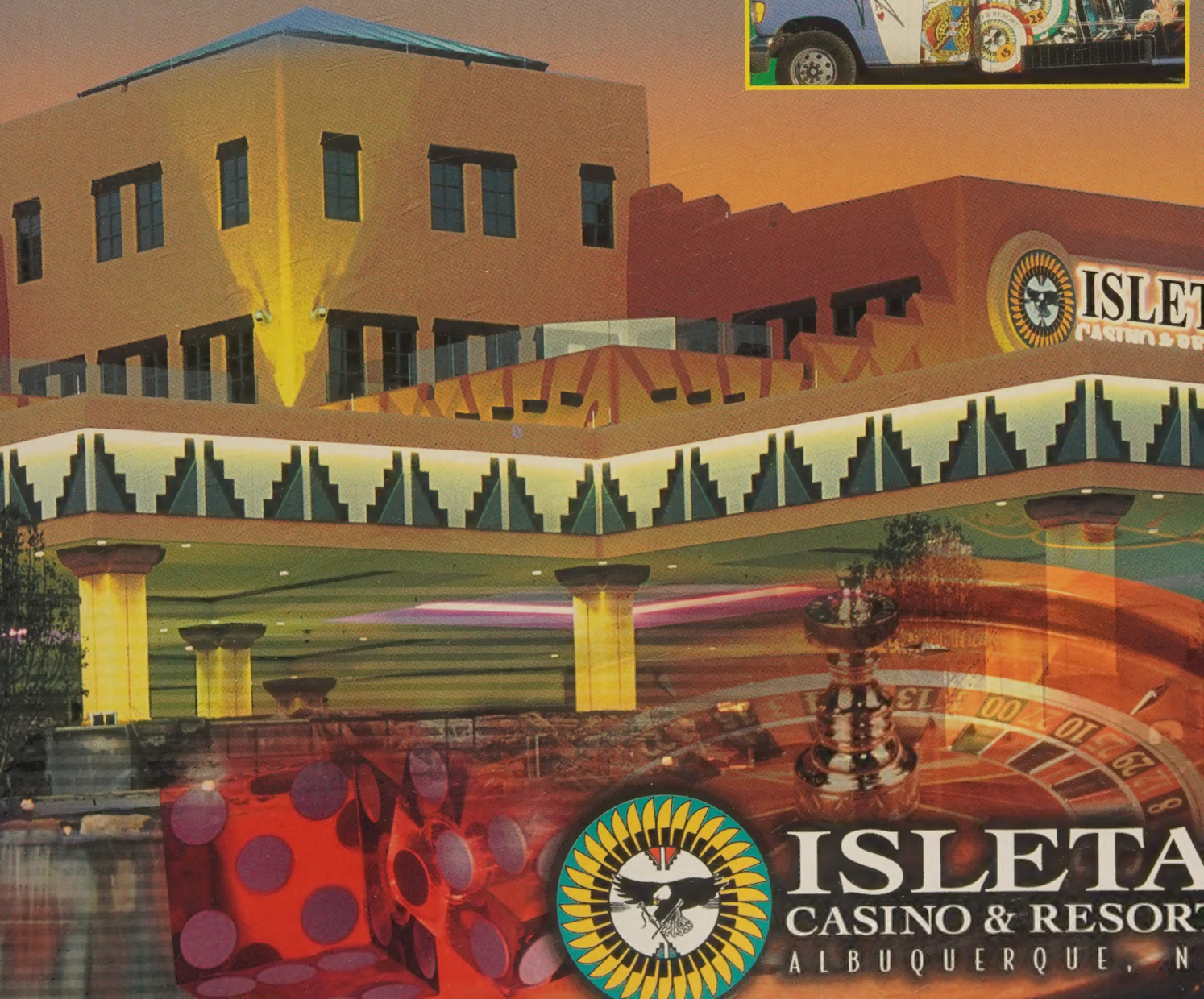
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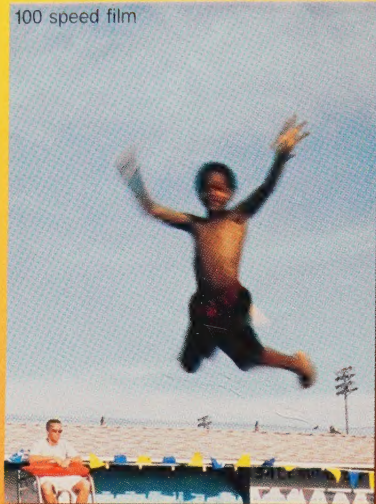
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 2002 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc. and our dedicated staff, I am proud to welcome all our guests to our 31st Balloon Fiesta. "Balloons of the World Unite" will be another exciting year for everyone.

We are dedicated to the continuation of our event as the best balloon event in the world. I think you will be as excited as we are with the additional grass on the launch field this year.

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In closing, please enjoy yourself during your visit. We are proud to be hosting the 31st year of pilots from around the world coming and enjoying the great Albuquerque flying conditions. We are confident you're about to see sights that are unparalleled anywhere in the world!

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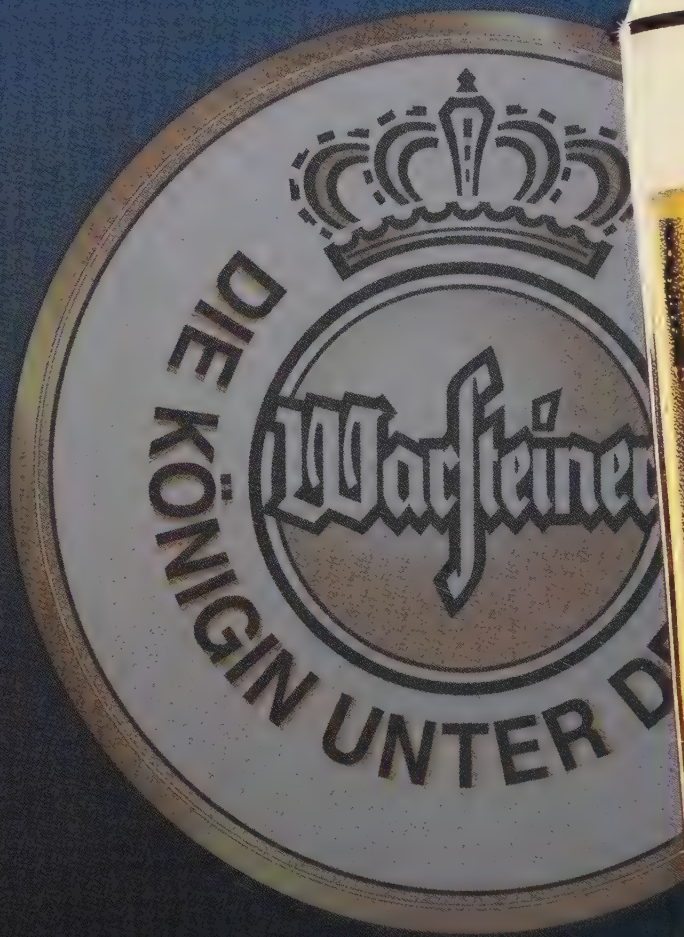
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FROM THE GOVERNOR

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to New Mexico and Fiesta 2002, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta! Each year, this event becomes more visually spectacular and is witnessed by an increasingly larger audience and with this year's theme, "Balloons of the World Unite," I am sure this event will be one to remember. With Fiesta 2002 surely to be as colorful as ever, you will understand why this is the world's most photographed event.

I hope while you are here you experience the many wonderful things New Mexico has to offer for a range of outdoor activities, such as skiing, biking, climbing, camping or just relaxing as you watch one of our legendary sunsets over the dramatic rock formations of the high desert. We also have Indian pueblos and reservations, museums, historical sites, theaters and symphonies. The cuisine, too, is distinct and delicious, a product of the many cultures that make up our great state.

I know that you leave the "Land of Enchantment" with many wonderful memories of your stay. On behalf of the citizens of New Mexico, welcome!

Sincerely,



Gary E. Johnson
Governor

W E L C O M E

FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to extend all of our fair City's hospitality to you. We are very honored to be the host and home of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. I am confident that the City of Albuquerque will once again serve as a great backdrop for this exciting event.

I want to welcome both the new and returning participants to the largest hot air balloon gathering on earth. I understand that balloonists, enthusiasts and other interested folks from around the nation and globe have descended on our fair city to partake and observe in the world's most photographed event. I would encourage those of you who are attending from out of town to please take the time to experience our wonderful city. Stroll along some of our historic areas, see some of our unique attractions and art, and sample some of our

renowned New Mexican cuisine. I am sure that Albuquerque's culture and charm will add to your memories and Fiesta experience.

I would like to thank this year's organizers, sponsors and supporters for continuing the trend of making the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta grow and become more spectacular each year. I also appreciate the theme of this year's Fiesta, "Balloons of the World Unite," as it is very timely and sends a wonderful message to all those in attendance. I am sure that Albuquerque can assist in this idea and goal by providing a new and fully-grassed launch field and assembly area, beautiful natural surroundings, and a richly diverse population eager for a fantastic Fiesta year.

As Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, I want to again welcome you all to the Duke City in the Land of Enchantment. This is one of the most anticipated and popular annual events for Albuquerque residents. You will find this true when we begin construction on the Albuquerque Balloon Museum in our new Balloon Park, which will memorialize ballooning forever and further commit the City of Albuquerque to be the hot air balloon capital of the world.

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7:00 A.M. MASS ASCENSION
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5:45 A.M. Dawn Patrol Show presented by BP America
7:00 A.M. MASS ASCENSION
5:45 P.M. BALLOON GLOW[®] presented by Smith's Food & Drug Centers, Inc.
8:00 P.M. AFTER GLOW[™] FIREWORKS SHOW, presented by Albuquerque Journal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:45 A.M. Dawn Patrol
7:00 A.M. NEW MEXICO CHALLENGE HOT AIR BALLOON RACE
SANDIA CASINO BLACK JACK RACE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:45 A.M. Dawn Patrol
7:00 A.M. Flying Events
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:45 A.M. Dawn Patrol Show presented by BP America
7:00 A.M. MASS ASCENSION
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5:45 A.M. Dawn Patrol
7:00 A.M. WELLS FARGO SPECIAL SHAPE MASS ASCENSION
8:00 A.M. Flying Events
5:45 P.M. WELLS FARGO SPECIAL SHAPE GLOWDEO[™]
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8:00 A.M. FORD TRUCK KEY GRAB COMPETITION
5:30 P.M. WELLS FARGO SPECIAL SHAPE GLOWDEO[™]
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7:00 A.M. MASS ASCENSION
5:30 P.M. NIGHT MAGIC SHOW
8:00 P.M. AFTER GLOW[™] FIREWORKS SHOW presented by Albuquerque Journal

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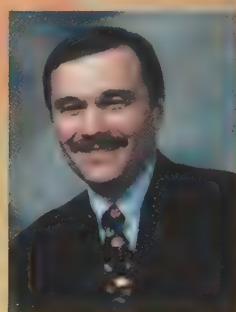
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- 1) Limit alcohol consumption. You're at a mile-high altitude which could increase alcohol's effect.
- 2) Dress in layers. It's sometimes very cool in the morning, but it will warm up noticeably after the sunrise.
- 3) Wear sunscreen. You're at a high altitude and are at a greater risk for sunburn.
- 4) Bring appropriate eye protection. Sun and wind could be your enemies on a bright, sunny, or windy day.
- 5) Don't smoke anywhere near the balloons! A lighted cigarette could ignite a balloon's propane fuel tank.
- 6) Choose a place to meet in case someone gets separated or lost. Make sure young children have some identification on them.
- 7) Don't "drive and watch" at the same time. The balloons are a magnificent, but distracting sight—move completely off to the side of the road to watch.



- 8) Watch where you're going! Beware of vehicles moving around the field, especially emergency vehicles needing to get through the crowd.
- 9) Bring a flashlight for evening events. Also, take note of where you have parked your car—it will be more difficult to find in the dark.

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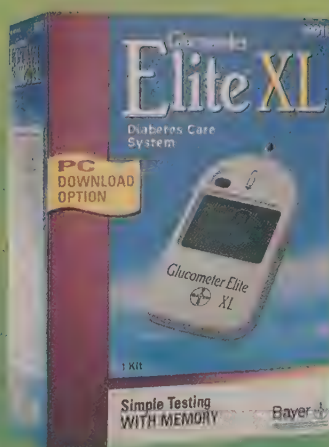
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THE OTHER 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR: BALLOONING IN A BEYOND

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ABOVE: OCTOBER 1977
BELOW: JUNE 1975
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ONCE UPON A TIME, an aviation businessman and his brother bought a balloon as a giant party centerpiece. The next day, they inflated it just for fun, planning to tether. Somebody untied the rope and they were suddenly... balloonists. And they all lived happily ever after.

As most people know, that's how modern-era ballooning began in Albuquerque: Sid and Bill Cutter's first flight in a hot-air balloon. But if that were the whole story, Albuquerque probably wouldn't be the Balloon Capital of the World. That lofty distinction came as the result of a number of happy accidents: a radio station promotion that became a balloon event... fascinated spectators flocking to landing balloons, and then becoming hooked... and, believe it or not, Sid Cutter becoming balloonless!

It happened like this. Sid and his brother, Bill, both flew that first balloon once it had finished centerpiece duty. But, eventually, Bill left for Phoenix and took the balloon with him, and Sid didn't have anything to fly. So Sid got together eight of his friends who bought a balloon, named it "Roadrunner," and founded a balloon club to manage the operation of the balloon. People joined the club for a fixed fee that included pilot training and access to the balloon. They also paid a per-hour cost for flight time and covered any repair costs they incurred. The founders gave their new club the rather lofty name of "Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association," and since the name was rather a mouthful, generally referred to it as the "Quad-A" (AAAA). The

club made learning to fly a balloon accessible, logistically and financially.

Meanwhile, all sorts of people, from friends of Sid's founding partners to regular folks on the street, were discovering the joys of ballooning. Sometimes they were invited along to ride or crew; sometimes they just happened to be around when a balloon landed in the neighborhood. Longtime Albuquerque pilot Bill Hyde's introduction to ballooning was typical, though a little more dramatic than the norm. A client invited him for a flight, then, several thousand feet off the ground, had a seizure. Bill had to learn how to fly and land in a big hurry. He later wound up acquiring the balloon; he's now been flying for about 30 years.

Others, of course, discovered ballooning when a 1972 anniversary gala rose to the occasion beyond anyone's expectations. In 1972, County Commissioner and former State Senator Tom Rutherford was a young radio promotions guy trying to cook up something appropriately grand to celebrate the 50th anniversary of radio station KOB. Tom went to Sid and asked if he'd be willing to bring his balloon to the ceremonies. "Sure," Sid responded. "In fact, I might be able to get a couple of balloons." Before long, befitting a couple of big thinkers who didn't know any better, the conversation became, "What's the biggest balloon race that's ever been held?" To make a long story short, 13 balloons flew, 20,000 spectators showed up, the balloonists were so impressed with Albuquerque that the city was chosen to host the first World Hot Air Balloon



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ALBUQUERQUE THE FIESTA

Championships, and the whole shebang evolved into today's Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

In the wake of the 1972 "first Fiesta," balloon partnerships and "clubs" soon sprouted up all over town. These clubs, like the AAAA, were groups of enthusiasts who banded together to buy and fly a balloon. Some were related to other organizations: budding balloonists who were members of the Ballut Abyad Shirne Temple founded the Shrine Balloon Patrol and acquired the "Flying Fez," complete with tassel hanging from the top. Naval officer Ron Caldwell persuaded the U.S. Navy to fund the Navy Balloon Corps as a recruiting tool; the Navy balloons were a fixture for many years. Other clubs were more whimsical, such as the Buffalo Chip Chapter of the Dublin Balloon Club. Their balloon was called La Desengrapadora, and some considered

it the exception to the rule that there's no such thing as an ugly balloon.

It didn't take long for a happy symbiosis to take hold. After every Balloon Fiesta, new converts joined chase crews, bought balloons, formed clubs. The new converts' friends often became balloonists themselves. These local balloonists then became the growing army of volunteers that made it possible to manage the growth of the Balloon Fiesta. The spectacular growth of ballooning in Albuquerque wouldn't have happened without the Fiesta, but the Fiesta wouldn't have been possible without the support of local balloonists.

In the early days, balloonists in Albuquerque, as in many parts of the country, tended to band together based on the type of balloon they flew. However, Sid Cutter and the other members of the AAAA welcomed pilots of all brands of balloons to their meetings, and AAAA meetings evolved into social gatherings where balloonists shared knowledge and fellowship, regardless of the brand of balloon they flew. Over time, most of the local balloonists began flying from a common launch site; the first one was near the escarpment in the Taylor Ranch-Paradise Hills area. This site was originally dubbed the "Raven's Nest," since most of the pilots who flew there flew Raven-brand balloons, which is what Sid Cutter was selling at the time.

Later, the site moved north to take advantage of the open spaces and huge network of dirt roads in Rio Rancho Estates. The first Rio Rancho site was just off Southern Blvd. at 5th St. SW.



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The next site, at 15th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd. NW, was the primary launch site for more than 10 years beginning in 1978. The old Alameda Airport, where Cottonwood Mall is now located, was used as a balloonport for several years in the early 1990s, as was a site just off Golf Course Rd. near the Sandoval County line. The current primary site is at 19th Ave. and Unser Blvd. in Rio Rancho. Interestingly enough, the various Albuquerque Fiesta fields have never been used extensively for year-round flying because most balloonists prefer to fly on the mesa where landing sites are more plentiful.



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Between Fiestas, the Albuquerque Balloon Park, where the Fiesta is currently held, is used primarily for "Top Gun" competition flights.

The evolution of the AAAA and the move to a common flying area were to greatly shape ballooning in Albuquerque by turning the ragtag cadre of local enthusiasts into a community with its own rituals, customs, lexicon, and culture. Almost every Saturday and Sunday morning, a couple of dozen local balloonists could be found eating, drinking,

Eventually, pilots like Bob Ruppenthal started sharing this expertise through safety seminars, articles, and publications and by working with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop regulations pertaining to balloons. Some of this work, such as research on the best way to survive powerline strikes, has saved lives.

If the art and science of flying balloons was primitive, so were the early balloons themselves, which were vastly underpowered by today's standards. One now-defunct model

Judi Rice, Sue Corlew, Neida Courtney, Sally Chapel, and Elaine Kramer Roderick, among others, soon demonstrated that women could be fine pilots. Of course, there were obstacles. One woman's husband and a group of other fellows bought a balloon. None of the wives, except for her, wanted to learn, so she was first in line—after the guys got their licenses. It took many years for ballooning in Albuquerque to reach the point where (as happened at an AAAA meeting in the late '80s) some of the husbands complained that their wives were flying more—and some said better—than they were.

ALTHOUGH THE FLYING WAS FUN AND THE ADVENTURES MANY, BALLOONING "OLD-TIMERS" MOST CHERISH THE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE RESULTED FROM THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH BALLOONING.

and swapping stories on a dusty field in the middle of nowhere. The tailgating had a practical purpose, too. In those days, balloon crews left their inflators on the launch site when they went to chase (OK, it was another era!). If a crew didn't show up to claim an inflator, balloonists tailgating on the site would form a search party to find the lost crew and balloon.

More importantly, the tailgate sessions were a veritable university of aerostation. In the 1970s, the body of knowledge about the technical aspects of ballooning was very limited. The early pilots discovered you didn't do dumb things by doing them, somehow surviving, staggering to the tailgate party, and telling everybody else to forget about doing whatever the dumb thing was. As a result, a staggering amount of oral folklore developed which also constituted some of the most advanced knowledge in the world about ballooning, and how to get out of trouble ballooning.

had a teeny two-can burner with about three wraps of preheat coil around the can, an aluminum frame gondola with a wood floor and canvas sides, a pop top, and a diaper-sized vent for releasing heat (one pilot wore a patch that said "vents are for sissies"). These balloons were harder to fly than today's models because it took the balloon so much longer to react to low-heat-output burns and tiny amounts of vented heat.

Most of the earliest pilots were men, but a fair and growing number of local women soon started flying balloons. One of the first, if not *the* first, was the wife of auto dealer Ed Black, who owned one of the best-known of the early Albuquerque balloons, Black Bird. Perhaps the best known is Dr. Carol Rymer Davis, who set a number of ballooning records, but Linda Rutherford, Connie March, Marge Ruppenthal, Sue Hazlett, Sue-Ellen Shaffer-Osika, Charlotte Kinney, Paula Dougherty, Jonell Shepherd,

Today, "club" ownership of balloons has largely been supplanted by individual ownership. There still is a Roadrunner "club balloon" operated independent of the AAAA—they're now up to Roadrunner VII!—but over the years the AAAA's emphasis shifted from balloon ownership and management and the club evolved into an educational and social organization.

Today, the AAAA is the world's largest local balloon club, with nearly 1,000 members, and the AAAA and AIBF, working together and independently, both contribute significantly and symbiotically to the growth of ballooning in Albuquerque.

Although the flying was fun and the adventures many, ballooning "old-timers" most cherish the lifelong friendships that have resulted from their involvement with ballooning. "(These people) helped make me what I am today," says Fiesta balloonmeister Wally Book, who started flying his first balloon, "Chariot of the Gods," in the early 1970's. (Since he made that statement, his friends have been careful to remind him, at every opportunity, "I helped make Wally what he is today!") The story of ballooning in Albuquerque is not just the story of the Fiesta, or of balloons bought, flown, sold, and retired. It is the story of a diverse group of talented people with a shared passion, a genuine affection for each other, and hearts so big they were able to bring an entire city along for the flight—and in so doing, change it forever.





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THE 1975 BALLOON FIESTA TWO IN

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BY DICK BROWN

BY OCTOBER 1975, the worldwide fleet of Boeing 747 aircraft had carried its 100 millionth passenger, a TV comedy show by the name of Saturday Night Live had just aired its inaugural satire sketch, Rod Stewart's "Sailing" had just reached the No. 1 spot on the Top 40 Singles, and hot air ballooning soared to new heights in Albuquerque.

The Fourth Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta was held concurrently with the Second World Hot Air Balloon Championships. And instead of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds, the events took place in northern Albuquerque at an old alfalfa field owned by the Simms family. During that 11-day period from October 2nd through October 12th, 163 balloons launched from Simms Field.

The balloonmeister was Sid Cutter, organizing his second championship event, this time with 34 competing pilots from 15 nations. The following countries participated: Australia, Austria, Canada,

Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and USA. Team USA was comprised of four pilots: David Medema, Thomas Oerman, David Schaffer and Portis Woolley.

The pilots flew five tasks: Hare and Hound, CNTE, Elbow, Jack-in-the-Box and Barograph. Of these, only the Hare and Hound (or Roadrunner-Coyote in New Mexico) and the CNTE are still used extensively in balloon competition. In the Hare and Hound, balloonists ("hounds") chase a lead balloon ("hare") and try to come as close as possible to where the hare balloon lands. In a CNTE (Convergent Navigational Trajectory Event), balloonists launch a set distance from the target in any direction and use the winds to navigate to the target. The best-known CNTE-type event is

the key grab, where balloonists launch a mile away from the target and try to fly to a pole and grab the keys to a brand-new vehicle or other prize.

With a cumulative total of 4,574 points from the five tasks, U.S. pilot Dave Schaffer of Dexter, MI, emerged as the new World Champion. Janne Balkedal of Sweden placed second with 4,368 points and Peter Vizzard of Australia placed third with 3,868 points.

Simms Field gave the Fiesta some maneuvering room, away from the military bases and the airport that define the southern extremity of the Albuquerque metroplex. Now balloons could drift for miles in any direction, often taking advantage of the early morning wind phenomenon known as the Albuquerque Box. With winds in opposite directions at different altitudes, balloons could make several passes over the field, and on rare occasions actually land exactly where they took off, a remarkable feat for an aircraft that cannot be steered.



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PHOTOS L TO R: BALLOON FIESTA AT SIMMS FIELD. SIMMS FIELD AND BEYOND. ALFALFA FIELDS, BALLOONS AND FANS. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM McCONNELL.



Unlike the racetrack at the State Fairgrounds, which separated the crowd from the balloonists, spectators at the 1975 Balloon Fiesta were allowed to roam the launch field, mixing with the pilots and crews, experiencing first-hand the thrill of the competition. Many sports have its spectators set back from the playing field but we discovered that ballooning events are much more fun if spectators and competitors are allowed to mingle. By sharing the field, and actually encouraging spectator participation, the Balloon Fiesta had finally become a high-spirited southwestern fiesta.

The change of venue was not the only factor that has allowed the Balloon Fiesta to grow to hundreds of balloons and hundreds of thousands of spectators. By staging the event in October instead of February, organizers in effect changed the weather. Now the Fiesta could take advantage of the "highs" that often park over the Southwest for weeks at a time, bringing

clear-blue skies, comfortable temperatures and gentle breezes.

Under near-perfect conditions, Fiesta fun-flyers managed multiple tasks known as the Elbow, Hare and Hound, Jack-in-the-Box, Tumbleweed Drop, Barograph, Black Jack and Big Bender. Ben Abruzzo and Maxie Anderson placed first in the White Elbow (there were five waves for each event, designated by the colors red, white, blue, yellow and green).

The 1975 World Championships/International Balloon Fiesta was a great success for the City, the serious competitors and the fun-flyers. And just as important, the Fiesta, despite its shoe-string budget, proved that it could be viable and self-sustaining. It was time to move from an operation championed by two hard-working individuals—

Sid Cutter and Tom Rutherford—to a City-sanctioned non-profit organization dedicated to this special annual undertaking. And so, with the blessings of Mayor Harry Kinney and other city officials, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF), Inc. was launched and has been flying high ever since its 1975 beginnings.

As for world competition, Albuquerque got things started by hosting the first two World Championships and other countries have kept this international competition going. While pilots continue to match their technical flying skills to determine the very best pilot, Albuquerque has focused on fun-flying events where what is really important is not whether you win or lose but that you are absolutely convinced you had more fun than anyone else. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is not a race, it's not even a rally—it's a fiesta in the finest southwestern tradition.

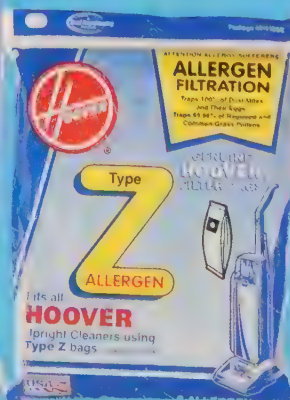


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The Expedition's exterior design is big, bold and confident. It has a

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The interior marks a complete departure from past designs, which evolved from pickup trucks, by offering a more modern, precise execution. Interior features marry this rugged and refined design philosophy with intuitive operation, ergonomics and functionality. Several available trim levels package the content consumers want in a full-size sport utility.

- ▶ 2003 Expedition features the segment's first fold-flat-into-the-floor third row seat. It's split 60/40, and offers an industry-first power-fold capability.
- ▶ An all-new chassis is 70 percent stiffer than the previous model's, providing a rock-solid foundation for exceptional on-road capability.
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A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: 25 YEARS OF

BY KIM VESELY & TOM CHRISTOPHER

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On a cold October day in 1978, in the pre-dawn darkness, two California balloonists made history—and no doubt startled a few Albuquerque early risers—by ascending into the sunrise on the first flight ever of the Dawn Patrol. The flight was the culmination of six months of hard work and the realization of a dream, in the words of pilot Ron Thornton, “to be able to see the sunrise from a couple thousand feet above ground and see the morning shadows recede from above.”

This year, the Dawn Patrol celebrates its 25th anniversary in Albuquerque. From a single, pioneering flight by a couple of visionary pilots, the Dawn Patrol has become a tradition appreciated by spectators and balloonists alike. Fiesta visitors are delighted by the sight of the balloons ascending into the early morning dawn sky and majestically soaring over the still-shadowed field. Pilots watch the Dawn Patrollers closely and gratefully for a first indication of the winds they can expect when they ascend after sunrise.

When they came to the 1978 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Thornton and Ken O'Connor had just received the certification from the Federal Aviation Administration that would permit them to fly their balloons at night. Balloons are generally certified to fly in daylight only for a very practical

reason: the pilot needs to be able to see the ground, and obstacles on the ground, in order to be able to land safely. O'Connor and Thornton's idea was to take off at dawn and fly into daylight. By the time they were ready to land, they would be able to see buildings, power lines, and other obstructions on the ground.

In order to receive certification, O'Connor and Thornton had to develop aircraft warning lights acceptable to the FAA and submit a ton of paperwork. They got the final OK just before they were to leave their home base in Morgan Hill, California for the Fiesta. Now, they were ready to set sail into the unknown.

Tom Christopher, now a Fiesta launch officer, writes: “I have the distinct honor of being the only passenger

on this inaugural flight. It seems that Ron and Kenny need an Albuquerque native to help maneuver in the skies over the city, (to help them know) where to go, and where to land. I fit the bill well, since I have been Kenny's chase crew chief and student pilot for the preceding two Fiestas.

“Soon we are inflating the balloon in the serene darkness of the mile-high altitude of Albuquerque. As we complete our inflation, Ron and Ken pull out the new aircraft warning lights. They attach them to a nylon rope, which is attached to the gondola. The time is at hand, we heat the balloon and slowly ascend. Judy and Delores, our chase crew, hold the string of lights and turn them loose as we leave the dark parking lot.

“An added benefit to the sights available to the pilot, passengers and spectators is that when (the pilot heats) the balloon with its burners, the balloon lights up like a low-watt light bulb, on a tremendous scale. When using the “fire 2” back up fuel line on the balloon system, the glow increases tremendously and results are spectacular.”

What Tom didn't describe is that incredible vista seen only by those lucky enough to fly the Dawn Patrol: the ground fading into oblivion under the balloon, pierced only by a glittering panorama of city lights, and the growing dawn, in shades of gray and pink and gold, breaking over the Sandia Mountains. Flying from the



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dark into the light is a beautiful and challenging experience.

This year marks the 25th event anniversary of that very first Dawn Patrol flight. Ken O'Connor and Ron Thornton never dreamed how this wonder of the night would evolve. Over the years, the Dawn Patrol has grown and changed and slowly become an integral part of Fiesta. Today's Dawn Patrol includes two groups of balloonists. One group launches informally each day (weather permitting) from the northwest corner of the field. On mass ascension days beginning around 6 a.m., another group performs the "Dawn Patrol Show," a synchronized inflation, launch, and flight set to narration and music.

Another well-loved tradition, the "balloon glow," also traces some of its roots back to those first Dawn Patrol flights. Before the Dawn Patrol came along, most balloonists had ever seen the spectacular sight of a balloon in flight at night, lit softly from within by its burners. A mass nighttime ascension and flight would not have been practical. But eventually, a group of Albuquerque balloonists realized a static balloon display could be just as spectacular. That realization led to the creation of the first Luminaria Tour Balloon Display on Christmas Eve, 1979 in Albuquerque, a little more than a year after the first Dawn Patrol flight. Today, nighttime balloon displays are a staple at holiday and ballooning events around the world, and the Albuquerque Fiesta's Balloon Glows

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rival the mass ascensions in attendance and popularity.

On this 25th anniversary of the Dawn Patrol, the ballooning community owes Ron Thornton and Ken O'Connor a great debt of gratitude, not only for getting the FAA to allow night flights but for illuminating the dark morning skies with the magnificent glow of the Dawn Patrol overhead. Kenny is no longer with us—he passed away several years ago—but Ron Thornton is still flying, though on the other side of the country. He gets to Albuquerque for Fiesta once in a while and still flies the Dawn Patrol.

And Tom Christopher writes, "Me, I am still a volunteer at the Fiesta. And I will always get goose pimples when I get to launch a Dawn Patrol flight."





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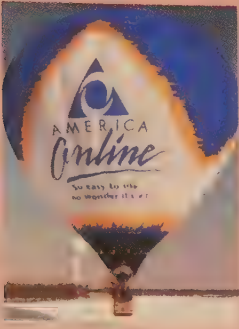
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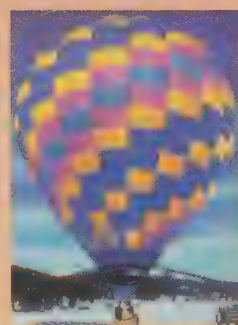
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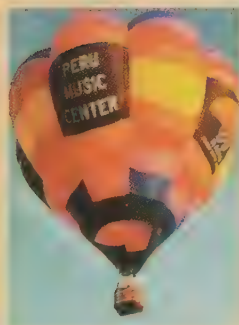
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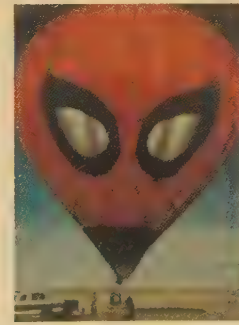
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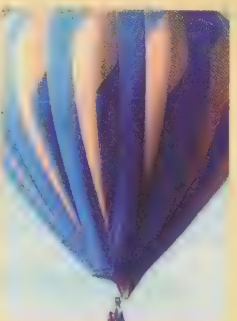
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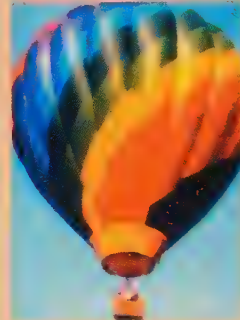
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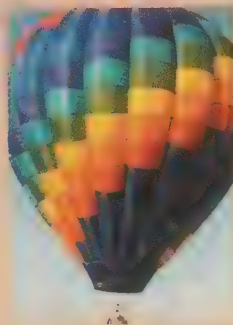
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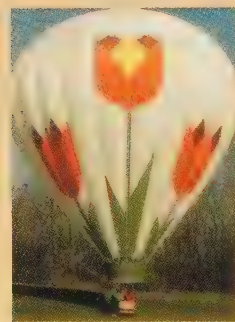
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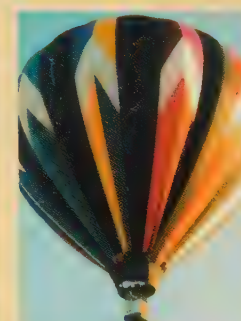
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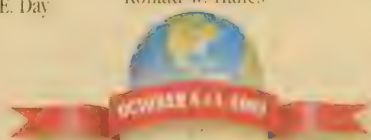
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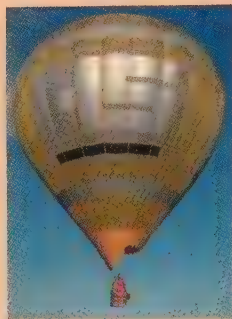
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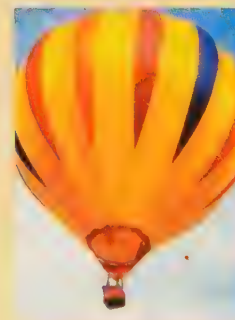
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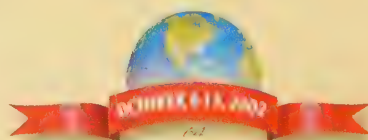
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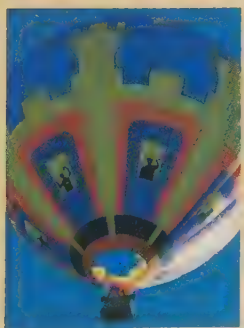
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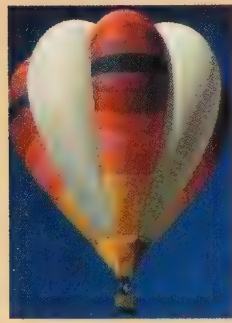
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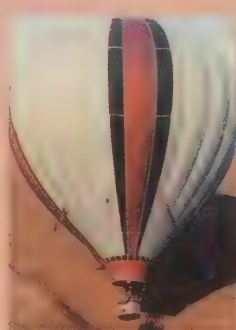
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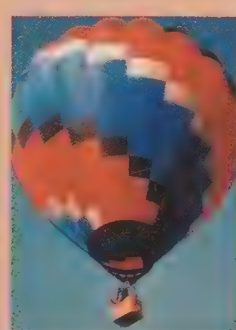
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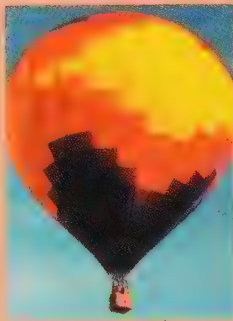
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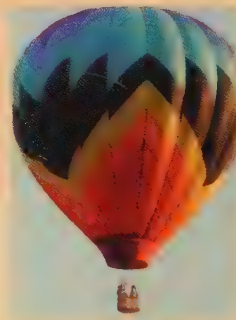
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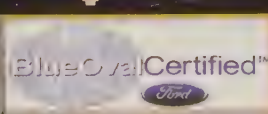
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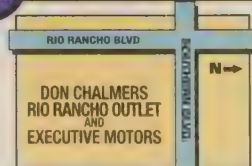
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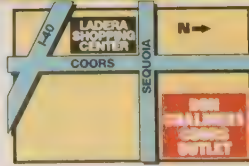


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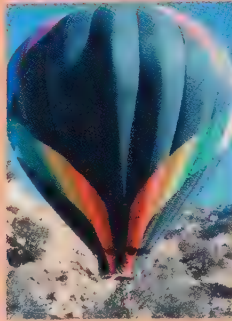
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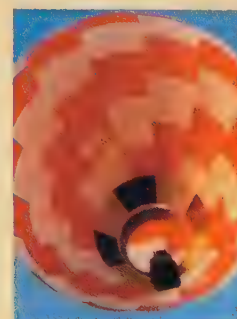
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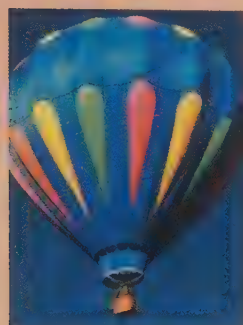
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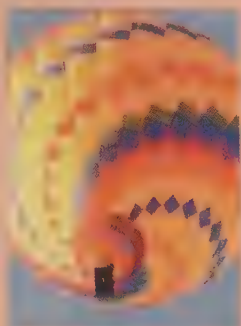
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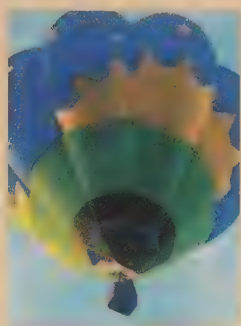
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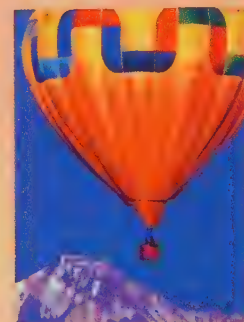
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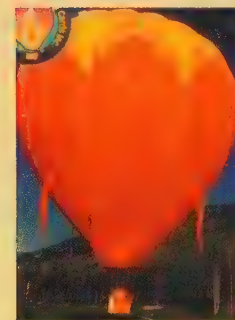
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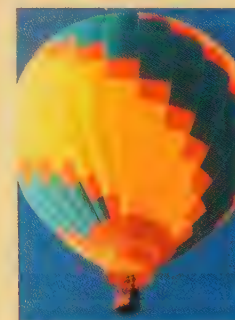
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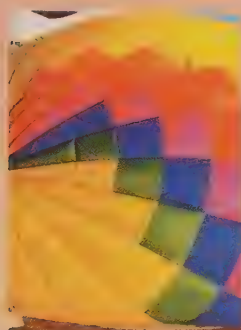
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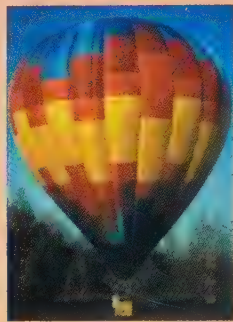
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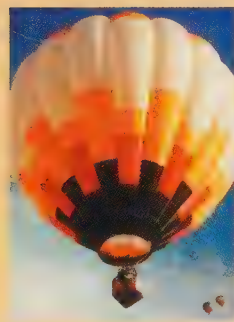
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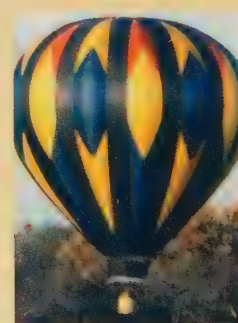
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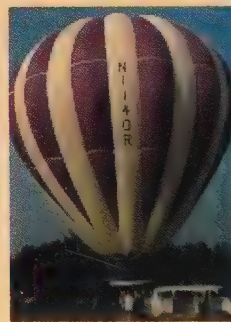
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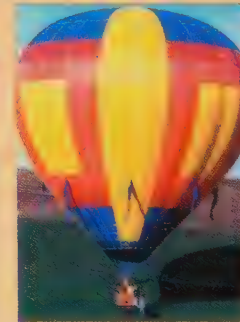
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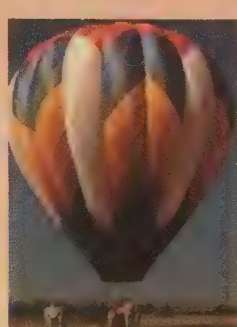
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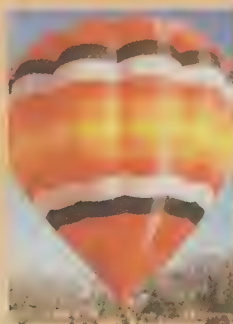
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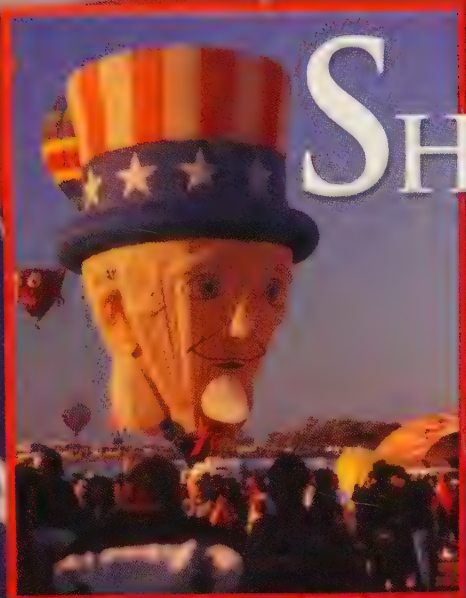


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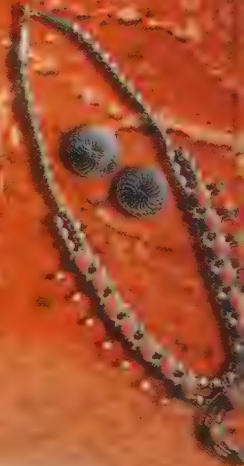
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Organizers of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta decided that it was time to showcase these magnificent creations in an event of their own—the Special Shape Rodeo. The event would present balloonists with special challenges since it would be held in the late afternoon—a time of day when winds created by warm thermals could make it more difficult for balloons to launch and land.

AIBF had a new and unique event, now they needed a sponsor.

In a happy turn of timing, United New Mexico Bank—now Wells Fargo—was planning to expand its participation in the Fiesta. The bank, based in Albuquerque, boasted a fleet of three hot air balloons as part of its marketing and public relations efforts, and their balloons had participated in the Fiesta since the bank's program began in 1986.

The AIBF board of directors asked Larry Willard, then United New Mexico president and now regional president for Wells Fargo in New Mexico and West Texas, to become the first sponsor of the two-day event.

"We had been reviewing ways to increase our participation in the biggest event in New Mexico," Willard said, "and when AIBF presented us with this opportunity, it was just what we were looking for.

"We're proud to partner with this world-class event that contributes so much to our local and state community," Willard added.

Twelve years later, the Wells Fargo Special Shape Rodeo® is one of the Fiesta's most popular events.

In 1990, United New Mexico added the first special-shaped balloon to its high-flying fleet: Miss Penny®, a hot pink piggybank with a perky white bow around her neck. She



remains one of the public's favorite participants in the Rodeo.

Miss Penny's younger brother, Li'l Buck®, a bright yellow piggybank with a blue baseball cap perched jauntily on his head and unfurling 14-foot untied shoelaces, made his first Special Shape Rodeo appearance alongside his sister in 1993.

In 1999, Wells Fargo banked on its Old West heritage, creating the latest—and largest—of its special shape balloons in the shape of the company's most enduring symbol, the Concord stagecoach.

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The AIBF directors who took a flyer on that first special shape event have seen the Rodeo grow in attendance and in the number and variety of balloons. Watching the fanciful flyers take shape and lift off brings out the child in everyone.

Today, spectators have an opportunity to see not only Wells Fargo's three special shaped balloons but also a giant cactus, tyrannosaurus rex, pink elephant, polar bear, space ship and more than 50 other shapes during the afternoon event.

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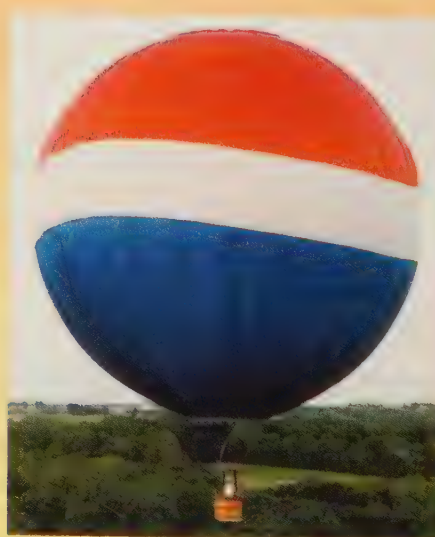
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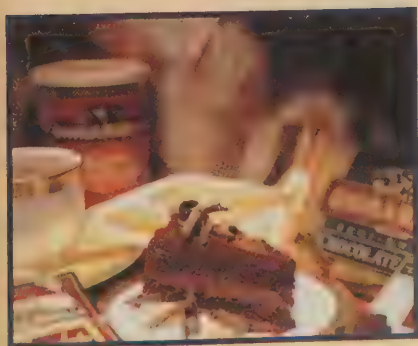
He was lured to California in 1849 by tales of the gold rush. Discouraged with prospecting for gold, he opened a general store near Sacramento to supply chocolate and provisions to the miners. In 1852, Domingo Ghirardelli moved to San Francisco and opened the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company where the legend of his chocolate truly began. His chocolate quickly became renowned in San Francisco and beyond because he used the finest

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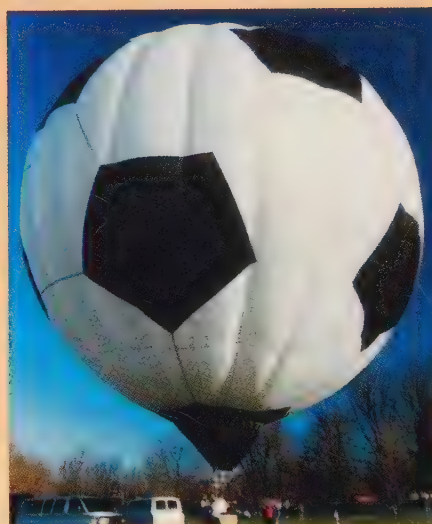
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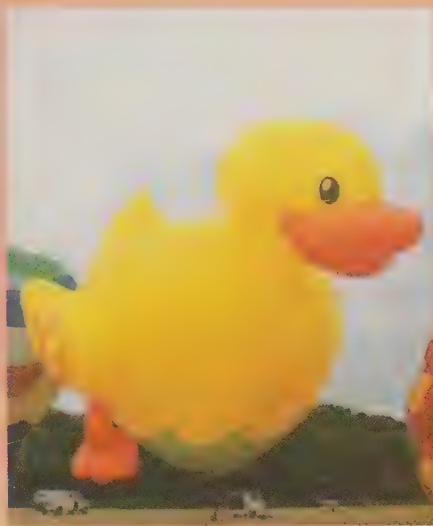


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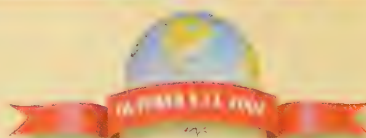
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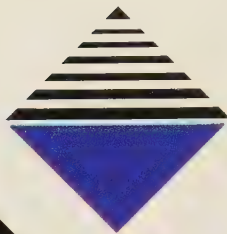
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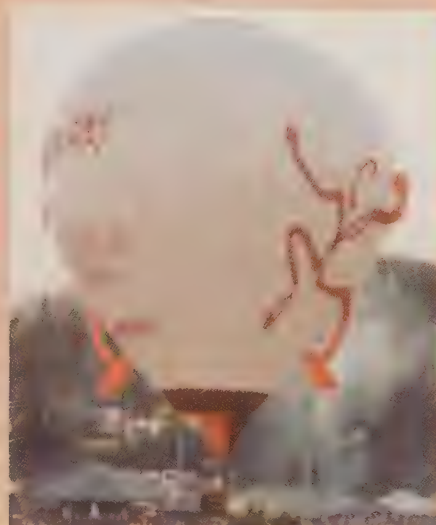
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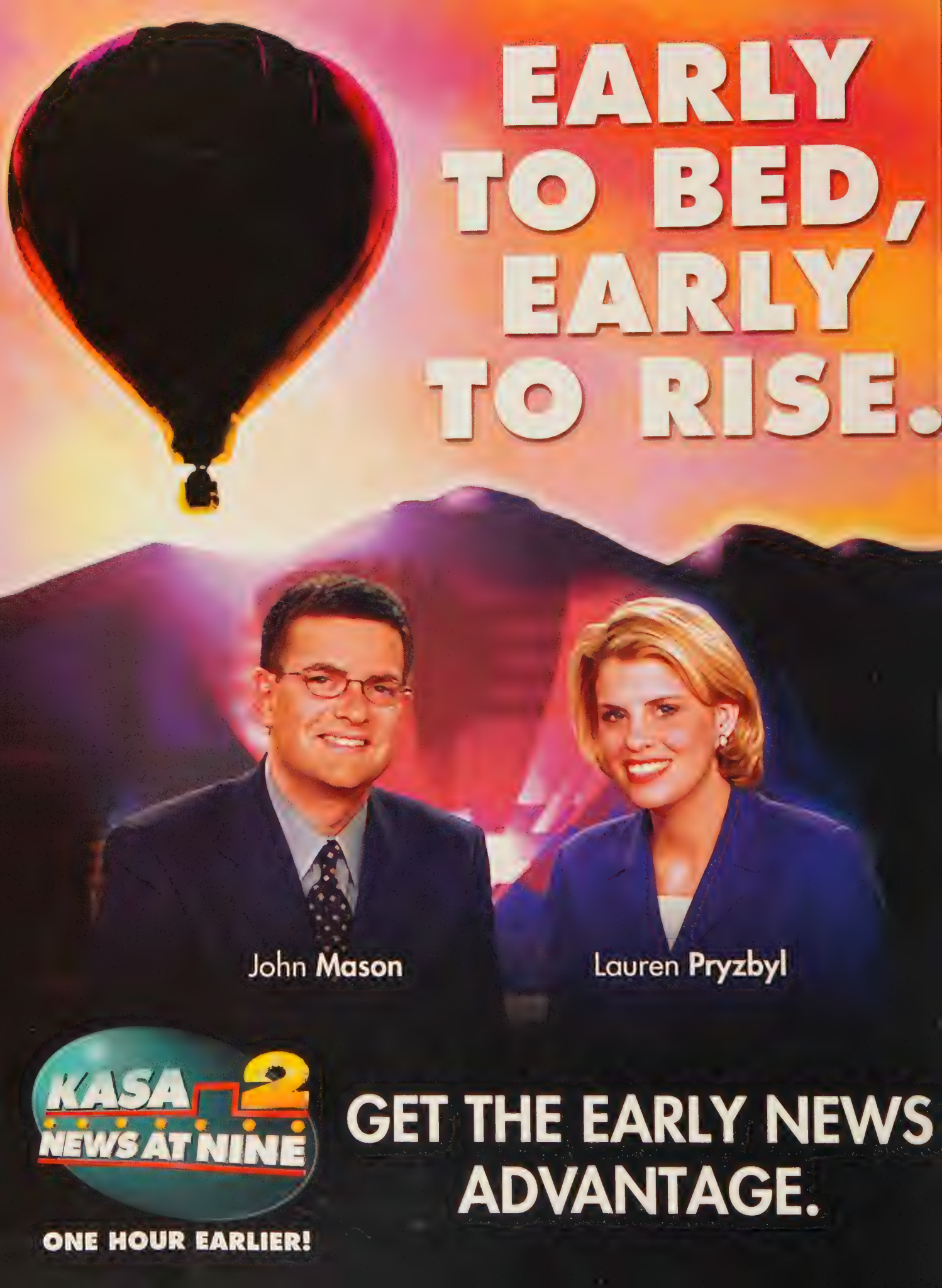
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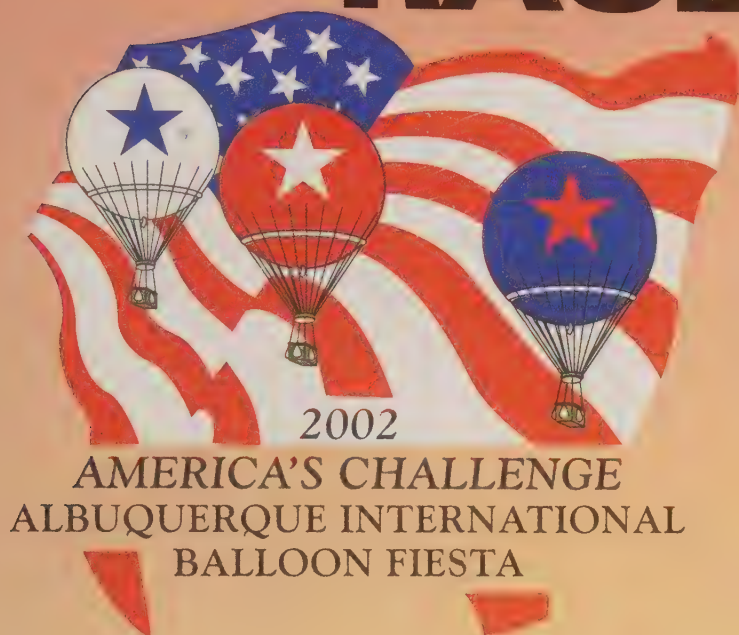


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Balloonists, too, have found the receivers to be very useful for identifying their position and locating potential destinations. Combining the GPS receiver with an amateur radio through ancillary electronics has enabled a "tracking" function so that folk on the ground can "track" or follow the path of a balloon in flight. This year's America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race will have "trackers" aboard all 20 balloons. The signals sent to the ground can be monitored and positions mapped. In addition, combining the GPS receiver and amateur radio with the Internet, continued on page 122 >



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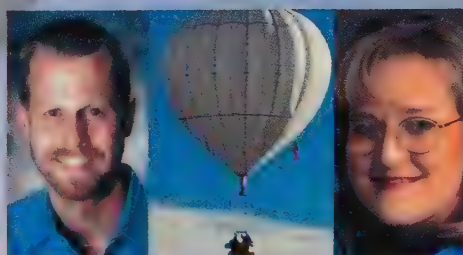
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anyone with net access will be able to follow the balloons as they depart Albuquerque and travel across the United States. Just log onto www.balloonfiesta.com.

The technology supporting this capability is complex and advanced in nature. The satellite constellation is comprised of 24 active satellites. They transmit signals continuously, allowing the receivers to locate the user's position day or night, and in all weather conditions. The electronics necessary to connect the GPS receiver to the amateur radio is dubbed a "terminal node controller" and is similar to the familiar modem used to connect your computer to the telephone line. Repeaters located throughout the United States permit the transmitted radio signals to be heard in nearly any area of the country and retransmitted to more populous locations. Computer programs and hardware servers have been established to translate the coded data into familiar terms, to store information and to place the information on readily available maps for viewing.

This capability is clearly a melding of several technologies and has come of age only recently. It will add to your understanding of a cross-country race that goes on long after the initial launch from Balloon Fiesta Park.

2001

GAS BALLOON RACE RESULTS

Event Director: Pat Brake
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Rank	Pilot/ Co-Pilot	Country	Distance	Duration(Hrs.)	Miles
1	Cuneo, Peter Fricke, Barbara	USA USA	2095.6	1302.2	58.4
2	Abruzzo, Richard Johnson, Gary	USA USA	1777.7	1104.6	44.4
3	Eimers, Wilhelm Winker, Greg	Germany USA	1732.3	1076.5	44.7
4	Sullivan, Mark Cutter, Sid	USA USA	1694.4	1052.9	43.3
5	Wallace, J. Michael Brielmann, Kevin	USA USA	1507.6	936.8	34.9
6	Robinson, Shane Martin, Ronald	USA Canada	1478.3	918.6	33.5
7	Hale, Bruce McGimsey, Bob	USA USA	1436.3	892.5	37.3
8	Boylan, Thomas Wechter, Frank	USA USA	1420.2	882.5	36.4
9	Parks, Sam Petrehn, Johnny	USA USA	1276.6	793.3	34.5
10	Nott, Julian McNutt, Phil	UK USA	1205.4	749	34.1
11	Padelt, Bert Vitanza, Louis	USA USA	1198.1	744.5	34.9
12	Levin, David Levin, Alan	USA USA	816.1	507.1	21.6
13	Bradley, Troy Buesing, Russel	USA USA	787.4	489.3	22.2
14	Clinton, Paul DeVaney, Mark	USA USA	737.4	458.2	20.3
15	Goodwin, Harris Fuerstner, Johann	USA Austria	555.1	344.9	18.9
16	Derks, Alfred Nieland, Hedwig	Germany Germany	399.4	248.2	11.4
*	Donnelly, Tom Wereschuk, Stan	UK Canada	339.2	210.8	
**	Brown, Raymond Harwell, David	USA USA			
***	Gerhardt, Astrid	Germany	789.8	490.8	23.2

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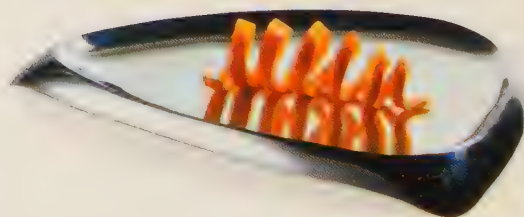
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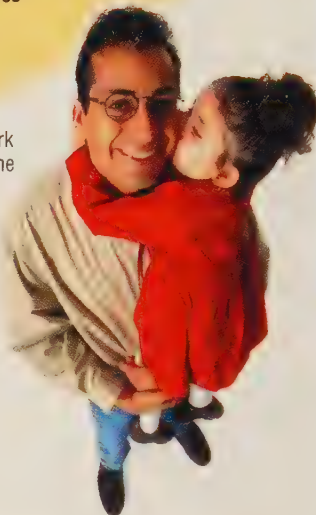
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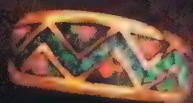
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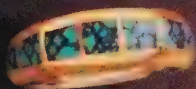
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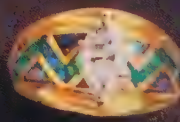
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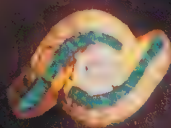
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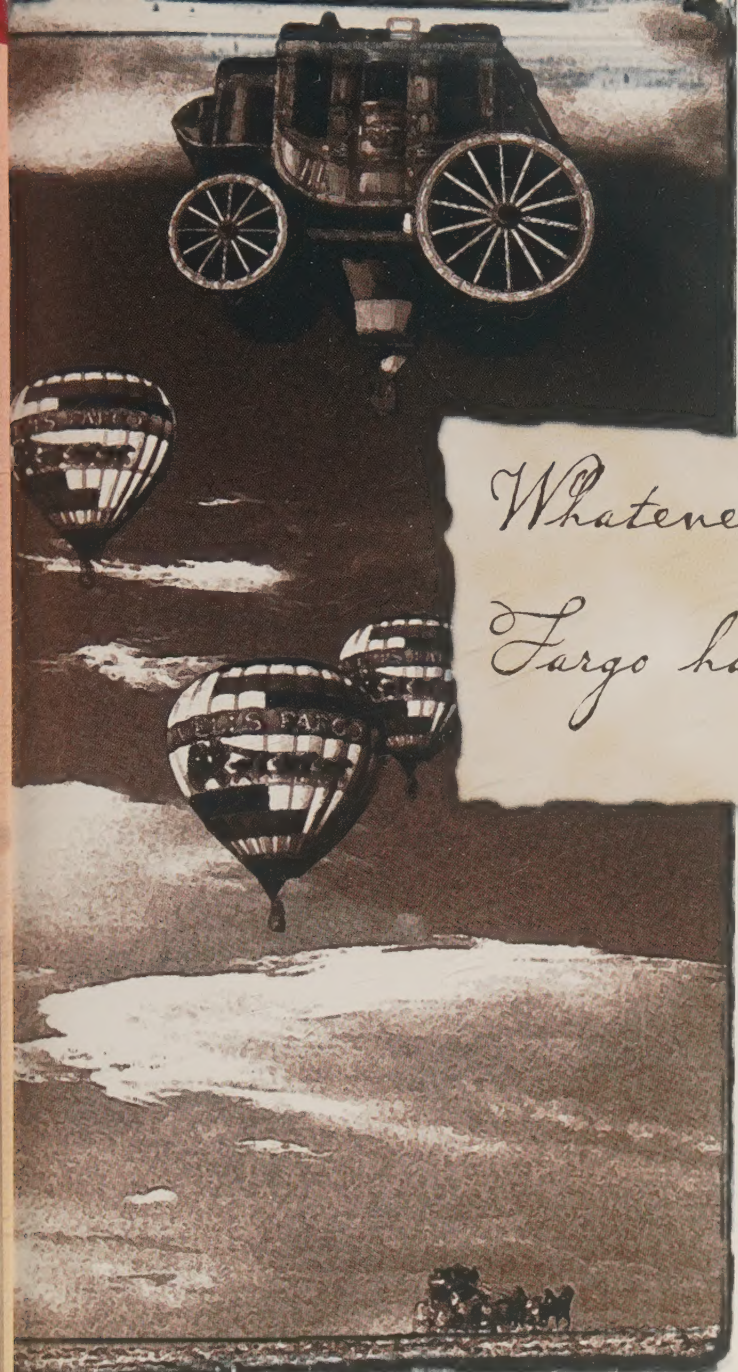
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